

Heritage Recipes

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Hard Soap

From Kyle

MY GRANDMOTHER MADE THIS SOAP OFTEN AFTER RENDERING THE GREASE FROM KILLING THE PIG. ALWAYS OUTDOORS OVER AN OPEN FIRE. MY FRIEND'S GRANDMA DROPPED HIM INTO THE HOT BOILING SOAP WHEN HE WAS TWO YEARS OLD. IT BURNED AND SCALED HIS HEAD AND HE LOST HIS BEAUTIFUL BLOND STRAIGHT HAIR WHEN IT CAME BACK IN IT WAS BLACK AND CURLY.

7 1/2 LBS GREASE (CAN BE MELTED OR LEFT UN-RENDERED)

2 CANS LYE

2 1/2 QT. COLD WATER

MIX TOGETHER AND COOK 1 HOUR ON TOP OF STOVE OR OUTDOOR FIRE. STIR OFTEN, ADD 1 GALLON HOT OR BOILING WATER. COOK ANOTHER HOUR, STIRRING. IT WILL THICKEN AND LOOK LIKE PUDDING. REMOVE FROM THE FIRE AND COOL. WHEN SET, CUT INTO BARS. MAY BE GROUND UP LATER IF YOU WISH.

DO NOT USE THE RESIDUE ON THE BOTTOM OF CONTAINER UNDER SOAP. USE A GALVANIZED TUB OR ENAMEL PAN.

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